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SUBJECT: GATT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

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1. LUCQ (DIRECTOR GATT AGRICULTURAL DIVISION) TOLD AG/ ATT SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING GATT AGRI. COMMITTEE STILL UNCERTAIN IN VIEW CONTINUED LACK EC RESPONSE TO SECRETARIAT DRAFT PAPER ON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES.

2. RABOT (EC COMMISSION) TOLD LUCQ LAST WEEK THAT, DESPITE COMPLETION COMMISSION DRAFT PAPER ON NEGOTIATION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE, EC MUST WAIT OUTCOME COUNCIL AGRICULTURE PRICE DECISION (NOW SCHEDULED APRIL 26-28) BEFORE ABLE COMMENT ON SECRETARIAT DRAFT PAPER. WHILE RABOT DID NOT ESTABLISH LINK BETWEEN EC COUNCIL PRICE DECISION AND POSITION ON OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES, HE IMPLIED COMMISSION NOW TOO MUCH INVOLVED IN WORK ON AGRICULTURAL PRICES TO BE ABLE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON OTHER AREAS.

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3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF EC SITUATION, WE SEE NO PROSPECT
FOR USEFUL MEETING OF AGCOM AT EARLY DATE. AUSTRALIA AND
NZ INTEREST IN STATEMENTS OF OBJECTIVES GOING CONSIDERABLY
BEYOND OUR LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR CONCEPT ALSO LIKELY TO
MAKE AGREEMENT ON OBJECTIVES DIFFICULT WHEN EC IS READY TO
TALK. (NEW ZEALAND PAPER ON AGRICULTURE IN 1973
NEGOTIATIONS (GENEVA A-241), WHICH STATES NZ VIEWS ON
OBJECTIVES, ALSO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SECRETARIAT.) RIMESTAD

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